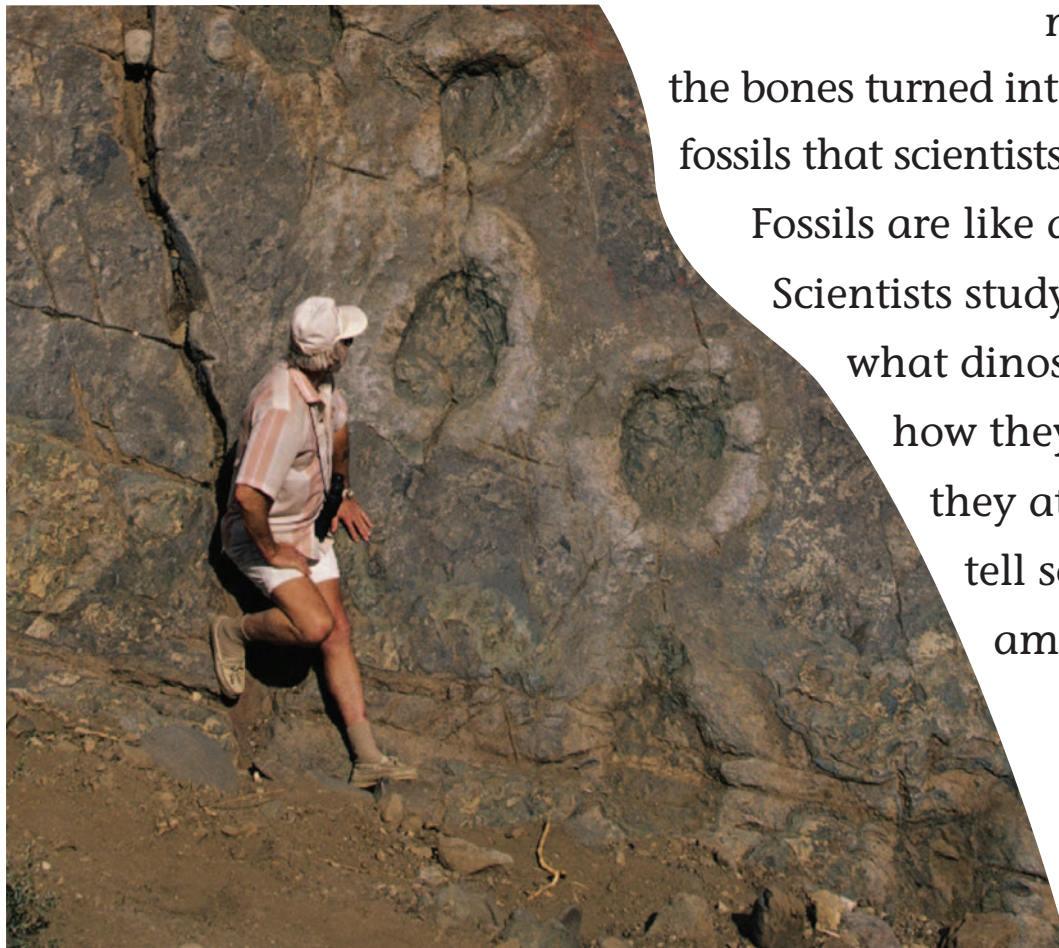




This toothy guy is a Camarasaurus. He had sharp teeth, but he only ate leaves from trees.

Fossils

Clues to the Dinosaurs



Fossils are the remains of ancient plants and animals that have been turned into stone. Dinosaurs became fossils when a skeleton was buried in dirt and mud. Very slowly,

the bones turned into stone, and became fossils that scientists can study today.

Fossils are like a diary of the past.

Scientists study fossils to learn what dinosaurs looked like, how they moved, and what they ate. Dinosaur fossils tell some of the most amazing stories.

These are the real footprints of a sauropod dinosaur. We know that these dinosaurs walked on two feet.



These are the eggs of a Protoceratops—a four-legged, plant-eating dinosaur with a bony scarf around its neck called a frill.



Scientists never find dinosaur skin (it rotted away long ago), but fossil imprints like this show what dinosaur skin was like.



These are the fossilized teeth of a Tyrannosaurus rex. If the dinosaur's teeth were this big, imagine how huge the rest of him was!

Scientists hardly ever find a complete dinosaur skeleton. But this Coelophysis comes pretty close! This is one of the smallest dinosaurs.

